

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of real-time communication between a plurality of users each with respective communication devices having associated displays, the method comprising:
 - providing each of the plurality of users with collaboration initiation software at their communication devices;
 - allowing a plurality of users to connect to at least one respective communication network[s] by logging in with their respective communications devices;
 - registering the service capabilities of at least one of the communications devices used by a user to log in;
 - in response to a user's log in, maintaining a respective service record for the each logged in user, the service record including user identification information and associated location information for where that user is logged in ~~no matter where that user is located~~;
 - causing display of a user identifier₁ for at least a second user₁ in a ~~quick-dial~~ list on the display of at least a first user's communication device, ~~the quick-dial list having been created by a user selecting users from a list of potential users for inclusion in the quick dial list~~;
 - allowing the first user to select the displayed second user's identifier;
 - in response to the first user's selection, ~~automatically~~ retrieving necessary addressing information of the second user from at least one service record;

- using the retrieved addressing information to cause establishment of a connection between the first and second users through at least one ~~the respective~~ communication network[s]; and
 - thereby enabling display of ~~visual~~ communication on the display of the first and second users.
2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the communication includes real-time text displayed on the displays associated with the first and second users.
 3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein at least one communication device is a wireless device.
 4. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the communication network is a wide area network.
 5. **(Canceled)**
 6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein at least one user identifier is at least one graphical icon representing a user.
 7. (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising indicating to a user whether another user is not logged in.
 8. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising allowing the first user to:
 - (a) select a new user from among a plurality of potential users; and
 - (b) add that new user to an existing communication.
 9. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising:
 - (a) detecting an attempt by a third user to initiate a communication with the first user;

- (b) notifying the first user of the attempt; and
 - (c) allowing the first user to establish a communication with the third user.
10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, wherein an indication of the attempt to initiate communications appears automatically on a user's display.
11. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising
- (a) allowing the first user to send an e-mail to the second user.
12. (Currently amended) The method of claim [2] 1, ~~wherein the communication includes at least one picture image.~~ further comprising:
- displaying to the first user a list of potential communication types;
 - allowing the first user to select a communication type; and
 - enabling display of communications of the selected type.
13. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the communications include video images of at least one user.
14. (Currently Amended) A method of real-time communication between a plurality of users each with respective communication devices having associated displays, the method comprising:
- providing each of the plurality of users with collaboration initiation software at their communication devices;
 - allowing at least first and second users to connect to at least one communication network by logging in [at] using their respective communication devices;
 - registering the service capabilities of at least one of the communications devices, used by a user to log in, with the at least one network;

- maintaining a service record[s] for ~~at least the first and second~~ each logged in user[s], the service record[s] including user identification information and an associated location where ~~the first and second~~ that user[s] ~~are~~ is logged in;
- causing display of a user identifier₁ for at least the second user₂ in a ~~personalized~~ list on the display of at least a first user's communication device;
- allowing the first user to attempt to establish communication by selecting the displayed second user's identifier;
- retrieving necessary addressing information of the second user;
- establishing a connection between the first and second users;
- notifying the second user of the first user's attempt to establish communication along with an identification of the first user; and
- allowing the second user to accept the incoming communications, thereby enabling display of ~~visual~~ communication on the displays of the first and second users.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the ~~personalized~~ list includes at least one graphical icon representing a user.

16. (Original) The method of claim 14, further comprising indicating to a user whether another user is not logged in.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the communication includes real-time text displayed on the displays associated with the first and second users.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein at least one communication device is a wireless device.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the communication network is a wide area network.
21. (Original) The method of claim 18, further comprising allowing the first user to:
- (a) select a new user from among a plurality of potential users; and
 - (b) add that new user to an existing communication.
22. (Original) The method of claim 18, further comprising:
- (a) detecting an attempt by a third user to initiate a communication with the first user;
 - (b) notifying the first user of the attempt; and
 - (c) allowing the first user to establish a communication with the third user.
23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the displayed second user's identifier is an icon.
24. **(Canceled)**
25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein an indication of the attempt to initiate communications appears automatically on a user's display.
26. (Original) The method of claim 16, further comprising
- (a) allowing the first user to send an e-mail to the second user.
27. (Currently amended) The method of claim [16] 14, ~~wherein the communication includes at least one picture image.~~ further comprising:
- displaying to the first user a list of potential communication types;
 - allowing the first user to select a communication type; and

- enabling display of communications of the selected type.

28. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [1]27, wherein the communications include video images of at least one user.

29. (Currently Amended) A method of real-time communication between a plurality of users each with respective communication devices having associated displays, the method comprising:

- (a) providing each of the plurality of users with collaboration initiation software at their communication devices at least one of which is a wireless device;
- (b) allowing at least first and second users to connect to at least one communication network by logging in [at] using their respective communication devices;
- registering the service capabilities of at least one of the communications devices, used by a user to log in, with the at least one network;
- (c) maintaining a service record[s] for ~~at least the first and second~~ each logged in user[s], the service record[s] including user identification information and an associated location where ~~the first and second~~ that user[s] are is logged in ~~no matter where they are located;~~
- (d) causing display of a user identifier, ~~in a personalized list~~ for at least the second user, in a list on the display of at least a first user's communication device;
- (e) allowing the first user to select the displayed second user's identifier;
- (f) retrieving necessary addressing information of the second user; and
- (g) establishing a connection between the first and second users, thereby enabling real-time communication to be displayed on the displays of the first and second users.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the communication includes real-time text displayed on the displays associated with the first and second users.

31. (Original) The method of claim 30, wherein the personalized list includes graphical representations of users and is scrollable.

32. (Original) The method of claim 31, further comprising indicating to a user whether another user is not logged in.

33. (Original) The method of claim 32, further comprising allowing the first user to:

(a) select a new user from among a plurality of potential users; and

(b) add that new user to an existing communication.

34. (Original) The method of claim 30, further comprising:

(a) detecting an attempt by a third user to initiate a communication with the first user;

(b) notifying the first user of the attempt; and

(c) allowing the first user to establish a communication with the third user.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34, wherein an indication of the attempt to initiate communications appears automatically on a user's display.

36. (Original) The method of claim 30, wherein the communications include video images of at least one user.

37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 35, wherein the automatically appearing attempt includes a notification of the third user's identity.

38. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the enabling of the display of visual communication is based, in part, on the registered capabilities.

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39. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the enabling of the display of visual communication is based, in part, on the registered capabilities.

40. (New) The method of claim 29, further comprising:

- displaying to the first user a list of potential communication types;
- allowing the first user to select a communication type; and
- enabling display of communications of the selected type.